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In re the Application of

Alain BETHUNE

Application No.: 09/688,961

Filed: October 17, 2000

For: METHOD OF HOT MARKING, AND A MULTILAYER STRUCTURE FOR IMPLEMENTING SUCH A METHOD

Group Art Unit: 1734

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the March 14, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 7, 9 and 14 as follows:

1/ (Amended) A hot marking method enabling decoration to be made on an article, comprising:

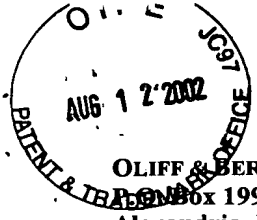
- supplying a multilayer structure comprising a layer of varnish that hardens under the effect of radiation, a backing layer, and a layer of decoration, the varnish layer being situated between the backing layer and the decoration layer;
- bringing said multilayer structure into contact with the article;
- applying pressure and heat to the backing layer at a location where it is desired to transfer the decoration layer onto the article, the varnish layer being transferred locally onto the article together with the decoration layer;

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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